



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SYSTEM, METHOD AND  
COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT FOR A GAS  
STATION SUPPLY CHAIN  
MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated January 28, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: